

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US2004/036015, filed October 29, 2004, and claims the priority benefit of provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/515,408, filed October 29, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The present invention was made, ~~at least in part,~~ with ~~funding received from government support under grant DK 057679 awarded by the National Institutes of Health under grant DK 057679.~~ The U.S. government ~~may retain~~ has certain rights in ~~this~~ the invention.